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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: LEONARD/URQUHART DISCUSSION  
APRIL 9

1. SUMMARY: UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL URQUHART BELIEVES  
THAT WALDHEIM'S CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY VANCE APRIL  
7 HELPED SYG DECIDE TO CALL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL PLANS SO  
FAR NOT ADEQUATE. URQUHART REPORTED TO LEONARD ON LATER  
CONVERSATION WITH ISRAELI AMB HERZOG IN WHICH FORMER  
EMPHASIZED INABILITY OF UN TO PLAY ITS ROLE IN RESTORING  
PEACE TO AREA AND IN RESTRAINING PALESTINIANS AS LONG  
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AS ISRAELIS DID NOT WITHDRAW. HERZOG COUNTERED THAT  
ISRAELIS WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS.  
URQUHART SAID SAUDI ARABIS HAS REPORTEDLY WARNED PLO  
MONEY FLOW WILL STOP IF IT DOES NOT MOVE OUT OF TYRE  
INTO AREA NORTH OF LITANI. END SUMMARY.

2. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION APRIL 9 OF SITUATION IN LEB-

ANON, USYG URQUHART TOLD AMB LEONARD THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAD TELEPHONED SECRETARY VANCE APRIL 7 AT URQUHART'S SUGGESTION. WALDHEIM WAS CONCERNED OVER SLOWNESS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND HAD MADE CALL AFTER SENDING BEGIN LETTER BUT BEFORE REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED. AFTER SECRETARY HAD OUTLINED TO SYG EFFORTS WE WERE MAKING WITH GOI ON WITHDRAWAL, SYG HAD DECIDED TO HAVE SPOKESMAN STATE SYG WAS GRATIFIED THAT ISRAEL WAS MAKING WITHDRAWAL PLANS BUT DID NOT THINK THE PLANS SUBMITTED SO FAR WERE ADEQUATE, SINCE RES 425 CALLS FOR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL "FORTHWITH". URQUHART FELT THAT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH SECRETARY HAD ENCOURAGED WALDHEIM TO EXPRESS THIS VIEW PUBLICLY.

3. URQUHART FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO GET ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW PROMPTLY IF THE UN IS TO PLAY ITS ROLE IN RESTORING PEACE TO THE AREA. HE TOLD LEONARD THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH ISRAELI AMB HERZOG EARLIER APRIL 9 HE HAD EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS NO WAY THE UN CAN DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PALESTINIANS THAT WILL ENABLE IT TO RESTRAIN THEM UNTIL THE ISRAELIS WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON. (CONVERSATION REPORTED BEIRUT 1978, ESPECIALLY PARA 4, WOULD SEEM TO SUPPORT THIS VIEW.) HE POINTED OUT THAT THE INCIDENTS OF WHICH THE ISRAELIS COMPLAIN WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNAVOIDABLE AS LONG AS THE ISRAELIS ARE IN LEBANON. THE UN SUFFERS FROM THESE  
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AS WELL, HE NOTED, AND IS REGARDED AS A COLLABORATOR WITH THE ISRAELIS.

4. HERZOG RESPONDED TO URQUHART THAT THE REAL PROBLEM DELAYING WITHDRAWAL WAS THE CHRISTIANS, WHOSE SECURITY HE SAID THE ISRAELIS MUST CONTINUE TO ASSURE. (HE HAS TOLD LEONARD THAT MARJAYOUN AREA WILL BE LAST ONE ON ISRAELI TIMETABLE.) IN SAYING ISRAEL COULD NOT ABANDON THEM, HERZOG IMPLIED THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD HAVE TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHRISTIANS EVEN AFTER WITHDRAWAL. IN ELABORATING ON THE PROBLEM HE REGISTERED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE MASSACRE OF THE CHRISTIANS. URQUHART EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT, WHILE THE UN WAS CRITICIZED FOR MANY THINGS, IT HAD BEEN PRETTY EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING MASSACRES, AND HE CITED "ZERO" MASSACRES OF TURK-CYPRIOTS DURING 1963-74 PERIOD IN CYPRUS. URQUHART BELIEVES INTERCOMMUNAL SLAUGHTER IN SOUTH LEBANON CAN BE ENDED ONCE ISRAELIS ARE OUT.

5. URQUHART TOLD LEONARD HE EVEN THOUGHT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE, AFTER FULL WITHDRAWAL, FOR UN TO USE ITS

CAPITAL IN ARAB WORLD TO GO TO IRAQIS AND LIBYANS TO TRY TO GAIN COOPERATION IN CONTROLLING SITUATION. LEONARD WONDERED ABOUT AREA NORTH OF THE LITANI. URQUHART RECOGNIZED DIFFICULTIES THERE BUT DID NOT RULE OUT IMPROVEMENT THERE TOO. IN THIS CONNECTION HE SAID BRITISH REPORT INDICATED THERE HAD BEEN NO ROCKETING,

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ETC. FROM NABATIYAH AREA FOR LAST 4 OR 5 DAYS. HE WAS  
SEEKING CONFIRMATION HIMSELF BUT ASKED IF WE COULD  
CONFIRM THIS REPORT.

6. URQUHART ALSO SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT SAUDI ARABIA  
HAD TOLD THE PLO THAT ITS CONTINUED SUPPLY OF FUNDS WAS  
CONDITIONAL ON THE PLO MOVING ITS MILITARY MACHINE OUT  
OF TYRE AND INTO AREA NORTH OF LITANI. HE WONDERED  
WHETHER WE HAD HEARD THIS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT  
ADDRESSEES CAN SHED ON TWO REPORTS IN PARAS 5 AND 6  
ABOVE. ON LATTER WE NOTE INDICATION IN JIDDA 2645

THAT SAUDIS ARE TRYING TO RESTRAIN PLO TO SOME DEGREE.

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